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1. The 1955 plan for the production of new diamond drawing dies and tool diamonds at the East German Cable Works in Koepenick (VEB Kabelwerk Koepenick (KWK)) was originally set at a total of 3,500 carats/4,122 pieces. This was slightly modified by the changes of June 1955 and now totals 3,375 carats/4,097 pieces. By the end of the first half-year, i.e. to 30 June 1955, this plan had been achieved by 39.4%: 1,326 carats/1,450 pieces had been out. This result compared unfavorably with that achieved by the same date in 1954 when 1,794 carats/1,822 pieces had been out. The following table shows the 1955 plans (original and revised) for industrial diamond production at KWK, together with the results achieved over the past eighteen months:-

| | Total Production in 1954 | | Original 1955 Plan | | Revised 1955 Plan | | Actual Production to 30 June 1955 | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | Carats | Pieces | Carats | Pieces | Carats | Pieces | Carats | Pieces |
| Drawing dies (0.02 mm-2.0mm) | 1,463 | 1,882 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 1,800 | 2,400 | 671 | 635 |
| Dressers (Abrichter) | 1,508 | 1,508 | 1,900 | 1,900 | | | | |
| Vitriers (Haertepruef- diamanten) | 74 | 77 | 100 | 200 | no change | | not known | |
| Diamonds for tools | 1,582 | 1,585 | 2,000 | 2,122 | 1,575 | 1,697 | 655 | 815 |

2. The uncut stones for these dies and tool diamonds are supplied to the KWK by the Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft (DWV) who obtain them from Africa, mainly through a Swiss intermediary (name unknown), although a few are supplied through Dutch channels. The quality of the stones has not been of the best recently, mainly because of lack of funds to pay for first quality.

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3. The entire production of the Koepenick works is used in East Germany, much of it at the plant itself, the rest by other industrial plants who draw their requirements directly. No drilled diamonds were exported in 1954, and no exports of this kind are planned for 1955.

Comment: All figures cited represent new production. Stones in store at Koepenick are not included.

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